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The Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) Athletic program is a Division I member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the Region XIV Conference. Consisting of four sports, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, men’s baseball, and women’s softball, BPCC Athletics assists student-athletes in achieving a total educational experience while competing at the intercollegiate level. These four sports afford opportunities for participation to a wide segment of the College’s population, thus meeting the goal of gender equity in sports.

After participating in the BPCC Athletic program, a majority of the student-athletes receive offers to play at NCAA Division I, II, and NAIA colleges. Each semester, BPCC athletes are named as NJCAA All-Academic Team members, signifying the coaches’ dedication to ensure that each student athlete receives the best educational opportunity. While being afforded exemplary educational opportunities, BPCC student-athletes are expected to exhibit excellent citizenship through sportsmanship and fair play and are expected to participate in various community activities to promote excellence in education and service.

- Karen Recchia
Vice Chancellor of Student Services & Athletic Director
MEN’S BASKETBALL

Ryan Coleman
G
Haughton, LA

Amos Givan
F
Shreveport, LA

Hajj Green
G
Abbeville, LA

Londale James
G
Bossier City, LA

Lyndale James
C
Bossier City, LA

Jalen Johnson
G
Morgan City, LA

Trayvion Johnson
G
Alexandria, LA

Rudy Jones
G
Castor, LA

Justin McPhail
G
Shreveport, LA

Daven Moss
G
Zachary, LA

Jack Ocwieja
C
Melbourne, Australia

Gustavs Puhovs
F
Riga, Latvia

Brett Restrepo
G
Harlem, NY

Wilbert Thomas
F
Alexandria, LA

Broderick Richardson
G
Shreveport, LA

D’Larious Venzant
F
Saline, LA

Ty’rell Winn
G
Winnsboro, LA

Nick Houston
RS
Shreveport, LA

Jamal Johnson
RS
Franklin, LA

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Rocky French is entering his second year as assistant men’s basketball coach. French received a Bachelors of Science degree from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston in 1977 and a Masters of Science degree from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches in 1985. French started his coaching career at Bossier High School as an assistant to the legendary Coach Mike McConathy. Shortly after, he became the head basketball coach at Parkway High School in Bossier City. He continued his career as head basketball coach at Minden High School in Minden, where he was named Coach of the Year in 1985-1986. Coach French ended his high school coaching career at McKinney High School in McKinney, Texas.

Brance Davenport begins his first year as assistant basketball coach. Davenport attended BPCC from 2007-2009. During his sophomore year at BPCC, he averaged 15.6 points a game, 6.8 rebounds and was ranked 10th in scoring in Region XIV. After attending BPCC, Davenport attended LSU Shreveport where he recorded a career-high 50 points on 18-of-27 shooting, including 5-of-10 from 3-point land against Southwestern Assemblies of God (Texas) on February 7, 2011. His performance in the 112-88 win surpassed LSU Shreveport’s school record for most points in a single game. In addition, 50 points is the most any player scored in the NAIA that season. In his final two season with LSUS, Davenport averaged 13 points his junior year and 15 points his senior year, totaling 959 points in his two seasons.
Yolanda Cooper begins her first year as assistant coach with the first year women’s basketball team. Cooper has been coaching high school basketball for the past eight years in addition to coaching AAU teams during the summer. Cooper played high school basketball at Eisenhower High School in Lawton, Oklahoma where her 5A team won back to back state championships. She was an All State player in high school and continued to play at the collegiate level at Southern Nazarene University. Cooper is also an assistant professor in the Liberal Arts Division at BPCC.

John Rennie has the honor of serving as the first head coach for women’s basketball at Bossier Parish Community College. Rennie has been coaching basketball for the past 20 years serving as an AAU coach for the majority of that time. He has had numerous players advance to play at the collegiate level including two that have played in the WNBA. During his career as a basketball player, Rennie won three state championships while playing high school basketball and earned All-District, All-State and All-City honors. Rennie has been serving in private business for the past 15 years which includes a program that allows him to teach basic basketball skills to preschoolers while developing their gross motor skills.
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Coach Lane Huhn has been a mainstay in the BPCC athletics’ program. Huhn will start his 4th year assisting with the Cav’s baseball team. Particularly with great care, he handles many responsibilities including, collecting balls and bats, and manages the lineup cards. He is known to be the motivation behind the players on the Cav’s baseball team.

Jeff Hulett
Assistant Coach
Coach Jeff Hulett joins BPCC for his first year of coaching. Hulett graduated from Evangel Christian Academy in 2006. Following high school at Evangel, he attended Texas A & M University and played Aggie Baseball. Later, he transferred to Okaloosa Walton College where he was named Pre-season All-American. During his baseball career, Hulett was drafted by the Houston Astros in the 12th round as a short-stop. Hulett also spent part of his career with the White Sox Organization as a catcher.
Thaddius Markray
Assistant Coach

Thaddius Markray begins his second season as an assistant coach at BPCC. Markray is a native of Springhill, LA where he graduated from Springhill High School. During his high school career as the Lumberjack’s 3rd baseman, Markray received All-District and All-American honors in 1996 and 1997. In 1997, Markray was a 3rd round draft pick out of Springhill High School for the Cincinnati Reds. He began his pro career as a 3rd baseman, but in 2000 moved to the pitching mound. Later, his career continued in the minors, playing for the New York Yankees 2003 season, and from 2004 to 2007 with the Kansas City Royals’ AAA team. In 2007, Markray returned closer to home playing for the Shreveport-Bossier Captains from 2008 to 2010, where he became the pitching coach. In the summer of 2011, he became the pitching coach for the Grand Prairie Air Hogs who won the American Association championship that season. Markray resides in Shreveport, LA and has one son, Javien.

Aaron Vorachek
Head Coach

Aaron Vorachek enters his 9th season as Head Coach and is the all-time winningest coach in Cavalier baseball history; amassing 212 wins over his career. Vorachek has coached many players to the ability of receiving numerous awards and accomplishments, including NJCAA D1 Big Stick Award, NJCAA Division I Defensive Player of the Year, NJCAA Division I Rawlings Gold Glove® Award; and most recently Freshman of the Year award in the Texas East Athletic Conference. Prior to arriving to BPCC, Vorachek scouted for the Florida Marlins and Montreal Expos. His coaching resume includes having coached at three Division I schools- Portland State University, University of Portland, and Centenary College of Louisiana. He began his career at Portland State University as an assistant during the 1998 season. After the baseball program was dropped, Vorachek took the volunteer position at the University of Portland. Vorachek then moved to Arizona in 2000 and was an assistant coach at Glendale Community College. He then accepted a position with the Montreal Expos as a scout for the state of Louisiana. As a player, Vorachek started his career at Yavapai College in Prescott, Arizona where he was fortunate to play each year on nationally ranked clubs, under legendary head coach Dave Dangler. Following Yavapai, Vorachek played at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the University of West Florida. Vorachek resides in Bossier City, Louisiana with his wife Lori and their three children, Buzz, Trace, and Alexa.

Anthony “TJ” Forrest
Assistant Coach

Anthony “TJ” Forrest begins his 3rd season as assistant baseball coach. TJ Forrest is a graduate of Haughton High School and as a senior, he set a Bucs school record for lowest ERA, had a perfect 7-0 season, and was named All-State and All-Conference. During his high school career, he went 26-5 in three seasons. He was the top high school pitching prospect in the state of Louisiana for 2006 and was also ranked the 121st best prospect in Baseball America’s Top 300 High School Players of 2006. TJ was a 44th-round selection for the Florida Marlins in the 2006 Major League Baseball Draft, which he declined. TJ was recruited during his senior year at Haughton to play baseball for the LSU Tigers. He later made his first appearance on the mound for LSU’s first game at Centenary College on March 6, 2007. He worked 31.1 innings for the Tigers during their 2007 season, appearing in 11 games with 6 starts and a record of 2-2. TJ elected to transfer to Bossier Parish Community College in June 2007. During the 2008 season, he had an 8-3 record with a 1.48 ERA and was a strikeout leader with 79 strikeouts in 85 innings. He was selected to the All-Conference and All-Region team and was also chosen to represent the USA on the Junior College National Team. He was again chosen during the 2008 Major League Baseball Draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 32nd round, which he declined. After graduating from BPCC, TJ was recruited by the University of Arkansas. As a junior, he was used mainly in the starting rotation, but also pitched well out of the bullpen for the Razorbacks. When the Razorbacks advanced to the College World Series, TJ made two appearances in Omaha for a total of 5.1 innings and three strikeouts. He left Arkansas with an 8-1 record and was named All-Fayetteville Regional Pitcher. TJ resides in Haughton, LA with his wife, Meagan.
Ashley Grisham enters her 16th season as the Head Coach of the Lady Cavalier softball team. Grisham’s record is 405-381-8 overall. The Lady Cavs have been nationally ranked five of the fifteen seasons and ranked Top 20 in the nation. Grisham is a native of Shreveport, LA, and is a graduate of Northwestern State University where she played softball for four years along with her twin sister, Amy. In the Fall 2013, Amy Grisham Calhoun was inducted into the Softball Hall of Fame at Northwestern State University. Grisham earned a bachelor’s degree in Health and Physical Education from NSU. She then earned a master of education degree with an emphasis in health and wellness from Louisiana State University-Shreveport. Grisham takes pride in the fact that most of the players who want to move on to a four year school to play softball on a scholarship are doing so. There have been more than 60 BPCC softball players in her fifteen seasons who have been helped to move on to better their academic and athletic career.

Amanda Nordberg joined the Lady Cavalier coaching staff as an assistant/pitching coach in January 2013 after spending the fall as a graduate assistant at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Prior to UAPB, Nordberg played three years at the University of Arkansas at Monticello where she helped guide the Blossoms to a school record 55-13 season. The Blossoms’ 2009-2010 season included a GSC Conference Championship, a Regional Championship and a Super Regional Finalist. Nordberg, a four-time NFCA All American Scholar, graduated magna cum laude with a 3.83 GPA and received her bachelor’s in business administration degree in only three years. Nordberg received All Conference and GSC Softball Pitcher of the Week honors as a sophomore. She also holds top ten career pitching records at UAM in Career Wins, CareerAppearances, Career Games Started, Career Innings Pitched, and Career Strike Outs. She completed her career with a 31-8 record averaging 6 strike outs per 7 innings of play. Prior to being the graduate assistant for UAPB, Amanda assisted the Lady Lions to a SWAC Conference Tournament birth. She pitched and played first base against the University of Nebraska, Ole Miss, and Oklahoma State University.

Shelby Leach begins her first year at BPCC and will work primarily with outfield and hitting, and will be a base coach as well. In December, Shelby will graduate from Southern Arkansas University with a degree in human performance, recreation, and community service with an emphasis in sports management. She will begin working on her master’s in January 2014. A native of Jonesboro, LA, Leach played softball and basketball for Weston High School. She competed in the State Tournament in softball in 2005 and basketball in 2009 and received All District honors in softball her sophomore and junior year in high school. She also received the MVP award in softball her senior season. Leach attended BPCC from 2009-2011 and was an outfielder for the Lady Cavaliers Softball Team. She was a member of FCA, made the Chancellor’s List and made Academic All American her sophomore year. She went on to play on a full scholarship at Southern Arkansas University and was an Academic All American her last two years of collegiate ball.
BPCC Cheerleaders

Left to right: Seth Valentine, Kari Spencer, Tyler Partington, Jaden Mathews, JP Bell, Chad Locascio, Kristen Hulshouser, Taylor Harbour, Taylor Weir, Caroline Crouch, Will Fenton, Laura Grafton, Grayson Russell, Seated left to right: Brooke Zeigler, Shaquille Jefferson (mascot), Caitlin Dempsey
Ladies in Gold

*Left to right:* Ashley Luckett, Dajai Taylor, Kayla Nicholas, Jacqueline Willhite, Brianna Ellis, Haleigh Radcliff, Haley Register